

PORTISHEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR
THE YEAR 1943.

Church Cottage,
Church Road North,
Portishead.

22nd June, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Portishead Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for 1943. There are many excellent features in it... The Birth Rate is the highest recorded.

1. BIRTH AND DEATH RATE.

	<u>Portishead.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Births.	19.4	16.5
Deaths.	12.3	12.3

With, we hope, a high Birth Rate continuing, it is our responsibility to see that proper accommodation is provided for these mothers and their growing families.

2. MATERNAL AND INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Maternal.	Nil.
Infants under 1 year.	Nil.

3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	1	Nil.
Measles.	100	Nil.

Influenza - In common with the rest of the Country there was an epidemic during the later part of the year, and two deaths from Influenza were registered.

4. TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Pulmonary.	7	2
Non-Pulmonary.	1	1

The Tuberculosis Care Committee is not at present functioning.

5. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Figures are satisfactory. There is a high percentage of immunised children as most parents are realising the necessity of this protection for their children.

6. NURSING.

Two Queen's Nurses carry out Midwifery and General Nursing for the Urban District and surrounding Districts. Their work has been excellent. The Portishead and District Nursing Association supervise nursing and is supported chiefly by voluntary contributions, but the Association is not getting the support it deserves.

7. AMBULANCE.

This is provided by the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade and most satisfactory and prompt attention has been given. The Ambulance has been used more than ever this year.

8. MILK SUPPLY.

This has been satisfactory. Samples have been taken periodically for examination.

9. WATER SUPPLY.

Periodic samples have been submitted to the Public Analyst and have been found satisfactory.

10. MORTUARY.

The new building has proved its value and is a much needed asset.

11. SEWERS.

The Surveyor has reported in full on this matter. Work is going on satisfactorily, though war conditions made it a longer job than was hoped, but when the proposed work is finished the sewerage system should prove satisfactory.

12. POST-WAR HOUSING.

The Burlington Road site for 30 houses seems good, provided that the smoke and grit nuisance from the Generating Station is removed. The Ministry of Health is unable to get this nuisance removed during hostilities but it must be their urgent duty to have it done at the earliest possible opportunity.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

J.E.McCormick.

Medical Officer of Health.